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1. CONFIDENTIAL LOCKERS. - In reviewing the record of a recent court of inquiry, which investigated the loss of certain publications from the commanding officer's confidential locker on board a non-combatant vessel, it was noted that this locker, which was used to contain secret and confidential publications, was of a flimsy type which opened upon the rotation of the dial to a single number, and was located in the cabin country accessible to orderlies and others who were thus enabled to open it without authority.

2. ADVANCED ELECTRICAL GYRO SCHOOL, NEW YORK. - The Bureau has established an advanced Electrical (Gyro) School at the Navy Yard, New York.

The allocation of men to this school is twenty-five, and the course eight weeks. Ratings eligible are Chief Electrician's Mates and Electrician's Mates first class. Approved requests from personnel of the United States Fleet, who fulfill requirements of Article D-7016 of revised Bureau of Navigation Manual and who have had gyro compass experience, will be acted on by the Bureau to supplement quotas from the Scouting Fleet and Control Force.

First classes will be composed of men from the East Coast. If experience with this school demonstrates that the course is sufficiently valuable to warrant assignments of men from West Coast vessels, appropriate information will be furnished the service.

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The first class will be assembled on 15 July.

The eight weeks' instruction in gyros, now supplementing the Electrical course at Hampton Roads and San Diego, will be continued as part of the latter course, but will cover only elementary instruction in this subject.

3. REQUESTS FOR MEN FOR SHORE DUTY. (Revised Bureau Manual Article) D-7024. Except in unusual circumstances, commanding officers should forward to the Bureau requests of men for shore duty only if their records indicate their eligibility therefor.

Article D-6004 of the current edition of the Bureau Manual and Circular Letter No. 39-24 indicate in general the requirements for shore duty.

A great amount of correspondence with the Bureau might be avoided if legitimate requests only were forwarded.

4. RECRUITING SUSPENDED. - The Navy Recruiting Service has been directed to suspend recruiting from July 1st. This action has been taken, the Bureau of Navigation announces, in view of a shortage of funds for the pay of enlisted men. Announcement had previously been made to the service that during 1926 the Navy would operate on a strength of 84,000 men. As the funds provided are found to be insufficient for the pay of this number, the Bureau of Navigation anticipates that a further reduction of some 2000 men will be made, so that present plans for the next six months contemplate carrying about 82,000 men.

In view of insufficient funds for 1926, the number of men now in the Navy, some 84,000, is to be further reduced to 82,000, and it has been found necessary to suspend recruiting for the time being.

5. TRANSFERS TO AVIATION BRANCH. - Requests continue to be received in the Bureau for transfer of petty officers of general service ratings to corresponding ratings in the aviation branch. The following is quoted from a letter to the Commanders-in-Chief, under date of February 9, 1925: -

"No rated men of general service ratings have been placed on the Bureau's eligibility lists for change of rating to the aviation branch since 13 June 1924, nor is it intended to approve any such transfer in the future."

The Bureau uses as a guide the general policy that men shall not be transferred from one branch to another when such transfer will deny advancement to men of the lower ratings who are being trained for advancement in their own respective branches.

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6. NAVAL RESERVE ACTIVITIES. - The Regulations for the new Naval Reserve, created by the Act of 28 February, 1925, effective 1 July, 1925, were signed by the Secretary of the Navy on 12 June, 1925. These Regulations have been issued to Commandants of Naval Districts in mimeographed form in order that they may start the work of organization as outlined therein immediately. These Regulations will also be printed as a part of Bureau of Navigation Manual.

Under these Regulations all officers of the Naval Reserve Force will be transferred on 1 July, 1925, to the Naval Reserve for the unexpired portions of their enrollments.

All officers of classes 1, 2 or 5, who are transferred in accordance with the Act will be eligible upon application prior to 1 October, 1925, if physically qualified, for appointment in the Fleet Naval Reserve in the confirmed ranks and grades held by them at the time of transfer.

All officers of the Volunteer Naval Reserve and the Merchant Marine Naval Reserve, who apply prior to expiration of their enrollments, and are physically qualified, may be appointed in a rank corresponding to their highest rank, either provisional or confirmed. The application must be submitted after 1 July, 1925, and prior to expiration of current enrollment and received by the Bureau of Navigation prior to 1 January, 1926.

Pay in the Fleet Naval Reserve after 1 July, 1925, will be for actual drills performed at the rate of 1/30 of the Base Pay of their rank or ratings, and full pay for active duty or training duty performed under competent orders.

Eagle 56 assigned to the Naval Reserves of the District of Columbia left the dock at Washington at 12:30 P.M., Saturday, 20 June, 1925, on a 30-day training cruise with 16 officers and 41 men on board. She is commanded by Commander J. A. Schofield.

A representative of the Bureau has been ordered to the 5th, 9th, 1st, 3d and 4th Naval Districts prior to 1 July, and to the 8th, 7th and 6th Naval Districts after 1 July, 1925, in the order given above, to confer with the Commandants of those districts regarding the new Naval Reserve Regulations and to assist the Commandants in reorganization of the Naval Reserves in their districts to conform to the regulations.

7. APPOINTMENT OF MIDSHIPMEN FROM NAVAL RESERVE AND MARINE CORPS RESERVE. - A recent Act of Congress authorizes the appointment of twenty-five midshipmen annually to the Naval Academy from the enlisted men of the Naval Reserve and Marine Corps Reserve. Only enlisted men of the Naval Reserve who meet the following requirements will be selected as a result of a competitive examination for appointment as midshipmen.

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- (a) Must be citizens of the United States who are not more than 20 years of age on April of the year in which appointed.
- (b) Must have been in the Naval Reserve at least one year by 1 July of the year in which appointed. In this computation service in the Marine Corps Reserve, in the Navy and the Marine Corps shall be credited.
- (c) Must have maintained efficiency by attending drills while in the Naval Reserve.
- (d) Must have a good record.
- (e) Must submit application prior to 15 January, of the year in which appointed.
- (f) Must be recommended by their Commanding Officers. No other recommendations are necessary.
- (g) Must take a competitive examination which is held on the third Wednesday in April of each year and is the regular examination given to candidates nominated for appointment as midshipmen.

Candidates wishing to enroll in the Naval Reserve must be at least 18 years of age. Attention is invited to the fact that only those who enroll by 1 July, 1925, will be eligible to compete in the examination for admission to the Naval Academy during the year 1926. Application for enrollment should be made direct to the Commandants of any of the various naval districts. For further information candidates may apply at the nearest Navy Recruiting Station.

8. HYDROGRAPHIC NEWS. - Advanced information is furnished regarding a new Hydrographic Office publication which will probably be completed about July 15th. The new volume is H. O. Publication 204, entitled "The Sumner Line of Position furnished ready to lay down upon the Chart by means of Tables of Simultaneous Hour Angle and Azimuth of the Navigator's Stars." This volume is similar to H. O. Publication 203, entitled, "The Sumner Line of Position furnished ready to lay down upon the chart by means of Tables of Simultaneous Hour Angle and Azimuth of Celestial Bodies."

H. O. Publication 204 gives the hour angle and azimuth of those of the navigator's stars not included within the range of declination of H. O. Publication 203, that lie within the limits of the parallels of declination between 27° and 63° north and south of the equinoctial.

Without the use of logarithms this new publication, which will require reference to only a single page of the table, will permit the sumner line of position to be obtained with unusual simplicity.

The statutory price of this volume has been fixed at \$2.25 and may be obtained from the Hydrographic Office, Navy Department, Washington, D.C., or from agents for the sale of Hydrographic Office publications.

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The U. S. Weather Bureau has issued a new edition of "Radio Weather Code for Vessel Weather Observers," W. B. 860, to supersede "Radio-graphic Weather Code for Vessel Weather Observers", W. B. 731, which should be destroyed or returned to the Weather Bureau.

The Weather Bureau desires cooperation of naval vessels in reporting weather observations by radio. Observations from ships at sea are essential to the Weather Bureau in its forecast work and in the broadcasting of storm warnings and weather information for the benefit of marine interests.

9. MOTION PICTURES. - The Bureau has purchased the following named feature motion pictures for exhibition on Naval ships and stations taking Navy motion picture service:

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>STAR.</u>
The Texas Trail	Harry Carey
Siege	Valli - O'Brien
After Business Hours	Hammerstein - Tellegen
Steele of the Royal Mounted	Bert Lytell.
The Kiss Barrier	Edmond Lowe
The Sporting Chance	Tellegen - Phillips
The White Outlaw	Jack Hoxie
Smooth as Satin	Etelyn Bront
How Baxter Butted In	M. Moore - Devore
The Denial	Claire Windsor
The Ten Commandments	LaRocque-Naldi
Night Life of New York	Torrence-Gish-LaRocque
In the Name of Love	Cortez-Nissen-Beery
The Lucky Devil	Richard Dix
Rugged Water	Lois Wilson-Baxter
Beggar on Horseback	Rollston-Nissen
The Street of Forgotten Men	Marmont-Hamilton

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